

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1165

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harry Brooks Bryan of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Brooks Bryan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Harry Bryan attended Oakhaven High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout his professional career, Mr. Bryan served with great acumen and alacrity before retiring from the Memphis Mental Health Institute and the Memphis Courthouse; in both capacities, he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a tireless public servant, Harry Bryan ran for the General Assembly in 1996; his deep commitment to serving others through volunteerism was recognized in 1991, when President George H. W. Bush honored him with the Thousand Points of Light Award; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of his community, Mr. Bryan was an active member in the Sons of the Confederate Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bryan was also an accomplished artist, musician, and writer, and played the guitar, piano, drums, and sang in several bands during the 1960s, including The Sound and The Triffids; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bryan is survived by his mother, Eva Castling; his daughter, Thea Bryan; his grandchildren, Donovan and Selina Rain; and his siblings, Cindy Whitehorn, Gene Conway, and Pat Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harry Brooks Bryan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bryan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.